

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: United States Army Corporal Jerry Mack Garrison was born on November 24, 1929, and raised in Lamar, Arkansas. Corporal Garrison was a well-respected young man known for his great sense of humor; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Garrison entered the U.S. Army from Arkansas and served in Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS: On December 2, 1950, Corporal Garrison's family was notified that he was "missing in action" after his unit was attacked during one of the Korean War's bloodiest battles, the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir; and

WHEREAS: Although the details of his loss are unknown, Corporal Garrison died at some point following his disappearance; and

WHEREAS: Following President Donald Trump's summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in 2018, North Korean officials handed over boxes containing the remains of several U.S. service members recovered near Singhung-ri, where Corporal Garrison was reported missing;

WHEREAS: Through DNA analysis, Corporal Garrison's remains were identified, and he will be brought home to rest in Arkansas with his family; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas is honored to bring home Corporal Jerry Mack Garrison and to remember his life and service to this nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, in tribute to the memory of Corporal Jerry Mack Garrison and as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct that the state flag of Arkansas be flown at half-staff from sunrise October 21, 2019, to sunset on October 22, 2019.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2019, as

JERRY MACK GARRISON MEMORIAL DAY IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary Of State